

Words of Blessing

\*Doxology (Hymn 32) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Benediction Carol McEntyre

Postlude Finale (from Organ Sonata No. 1, CN29) Florence Price

Our Service of Worship has ended.  
Our Worship through Service begins.

Kyle Matthews is the soloist today. Will Bailey is playing djembe.

The flowers this Sunday are given in honor of Lee and Pat Counts by the Hope Sunday School Class. Beneath the shadow of His wings, my Hope will forever be found.

When available, an American Sign Language interpreter is at the base of the baptistry. Pews in front of the baptistry are reserved for our Deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

This Sanctuary is equipped with Hearing Loop. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a T-coil and switch to it, you will hear audio directly from our sound system.

Music selections today include: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand,” setting by Wilbur Held; “We Shall Overcome,” arranged by Tom Trenney; “God Be with You Here” by Kyle D. Matthews, ©2020 Catalytic Songs; “You Belong Here” by Kyle Matthews and Chris Eaton, ©2003 Universal Music/MGB Songs, Inc./See for Yourself Music (ASCAP)/West Lodge Music/Here’s to Jo (PRS); “Ain’t-a That Good News,” setting by Marianne Kim; and Finale (from Organ Sonata No. 1, CN29) by Florence Price. For more information on some of our service music, read the Organist’s Blog on the church website: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/category/organists-blog/>

- Mary Carol Anderson  
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Looking Ahead

Sunday, January 14  
11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
Vocare is our youth choral ensemble for 6th-12th grade students.

Monday, January 15  
AYMC and Church Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 17  
6:30am Wednesday Morning Men’s Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)  
All men of the congregation are invited to study the Revised Common Lectionary weekly passages.  
Wednesdays@First Activities  
Wednesdays@First offers a meal, fellowship and spiritual formation opportunities for all ages. See block for more information.  
6:00pm MidWeek Classic: Spiritual Habits of Happiness with Carol McEntyre

Friday, January 19  
5:00-7:00pm Children’s Ministry Monthly Fellowship Event: Game Night for 1st-5th Grades (Fellowship Hall)  
Children’s Ministry hosts a fellowship event each month during the school year for grades 1-5.

Sunday, January 21  
10:30am Third Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre  
11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
Vocare is our youth choral ensemble for 6th-12th grade students.  
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live (AYMC)  
6th-12th grade students meet for games, supper and Bible Study.

Lula Whilden World  
Missions Offering  
Goal: \$100,000  
Receipts as of 12/30  
\$89,618



Financial Goal 2023  
\$2,875,000  
Receipts as of 12/30  
\$2,966,460

Wednesdays@First Schedule	
3:30-6:00pm Youth Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)	
5:00-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open (Fellowship Hall)	
6:00-7:00pm Adults@First (Music and Prayer Time, MidWeek Classic)	(Fellowship Hall)
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	

A Community of Believers. Each Member A Minister.



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January 14, 2024  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
  
Ten Thirty O’Clock



Words of Belonging

Call to Worship Carol McEntyre

Music for Meditation Setting by Wilbur Held  
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

We are invited to use this time to center ourselves and prepare our hearts for worship.

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.  
- Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

Prayer for Worship Carol McEntyre

O God, take us by the hand and lead us in the way of justice.  
Grant us wisdom to know how to let all in your world feel that  
they belong. Amen.

\*Processional Hymn 169 ST. DENIO  
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Welcome of Worshipers Mary Carol Anderson

Choral Worship “We Shall Overcome” arr. Tom Trenney

Words of Faith

Gospel Lesson Mark 2:1-12 Miriam Reider  
page 813 of the Bible in the pew rack

Pastoral Prayer Camille Loomis Rehnborg

\*Children’s Hymn 265 “Lord of the Dance” LORD OF THE DANCE  
Stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 5 Only

(During the last two stanzas, children 4K through grade 5 are invited to come forward.)

Children’s Sermon Bridget Kokolis

“God Be with You Here” Kyle D. Matthews

(Children, 4K and 5K ages, are dismissed for Preschool Worship.)

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God be with you here! God be with you there! there!

5 God's love will al - ways hold you tight,

9 E - ven when you're out of sight!

Litany for Belonging Mary Carol Anderson

We long to find a place of peace and rest, O God,  
To lean into the welcome and the care of real friends who stay  
true no matter who we are or what we’ve done.

We want to be known – not just our names, but ourselves,  
Our dreams and longings, our fears and failings and be warmly,  
unrestrainedly welcomed.

We yearn to know the joy of opening our hearts and arms to  
others,

Witnessing them become tenderhearted and receptive in the  
security of our acceptance.

And you have created a place like this for us –

A place of people, with failings and disagreements who still look  
out for one another;

A place of difference and struggle where we can all belong;

A place of faith and deep doubt,

A place of awkward stumbling toward Christlikeness;

A place of worship, of mystery, and of rest.

And though we can’t always see it, although sometimes it doesn’t  
feel like it;

This is the place – here.

Not the buildings and the furniture –

No, these people

Who gather each week in your name

And try so hard to remember each other’s

And for this place, and your being with us  
We give you heartfelt gratitude and devotion.

To you and to this place we commit

To love deeply and to lean in. Amen.

– adapted from “A Place for Us” by John van de Laar

Solo “You Belong Here” Kyle Matthews  
Chris Eaton

This is a dream I have: that there might be a place,  
Where before I cross the threshold, they recognize my face.  
They’ve been expecting me! The table has been set!  
My bed’s already made! And they speak to me this way,  
Refrain: You are welcome in this fam’ly! You are wanted in this place!  
You have value to your maker that your past cannot erase!  
There is room for all your searching! There is music for your song!  
There are shoulders you can cry on and the strength to carry on!  
You belong here! Welcome home!  
What are we striving for, when this is in our reach?  
Could we become the refuge some weary trav’ler seeks?  
And as we let them in, would our lives not be changed  
To give the love we long for and be unafraid to say: (refrain)  
We will throw the door wide open, run to meet you at the gate!  
There will be a glad reunion! We have much to celebrate!  
You belong here! Welcome home!

Sermon Belonging: Longing to Be Known Carol McEntyre

Words of Commitment

\*Invitation Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other” LANCASHIRE  
Hymn is printed on inserted page.

\*Invitation to Offering Deacon  
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in  
steadfast love. (Psalm 103:8)

Musical Offering Setting by Marianne Kim  
“Ain’t-a That Good News”

Introduction of New Members Carol McEntyre

Service and Fellowship of the Church

\*Please stand as you are able.

Please contact an usher for a hearing aid receiver or magnifying glass.

Please silence all electronic devices.